



INFANTRY Drill Regulations

UNITED STATES ARMY.

SCHOOL OF THE SOLDIER.

MANUAL OF ARMS.

Adapted to the Springfield Rifle, Caliber .45.

(Continued from last week.)

Rifle Salute.

[57.] 9. Being at right shoulder arms: Carry the left hand smartly to the small of the stock, forearm horizontal, palm of the hand down, thumb and fingers extended and joined, forefinger against the piece. (Two) Drop the left hand by the side.

The first motion of the salute is made six yards before passing the officer, holding the hand at the small of the stock until the salute is acknowledged or the officer passed.

Indoors the salute is made from the position of order arms; carry the left hand smartly to the right side, forearm horizontal, or nearly so, palm of the hand down, thumb and fingers extended and joined, forefinger against piece. (Two) Drop the left hand to the side.

The rifle salute is prescribed for individual soldiers with arms, except sentinels, who salute by presenting arms.



Pl. 7, Par. 9.

The Rests.

[58.] 10. Full out, Rest, and At ease are executed as without arms.

On resuming the attention take the position of order arms.



Pl. 8, Par. 11.

[59.] 11. Being at order arms: 1. Parade, 2. BAYONET.

Carry the right foot six inches straight to the rear, left knee slightly bent, carry the muzzle in front of the center of the body, barrel to the left, grasp the piece with the left hand just below the stacking swivel, and with the right hand below and against the piece.

1. Squad, 2. ATTENTION.

Resume the order, the left hand quitting the piece opposite the right breast.

[60.] 12. To dismiss the squad.

The instructor commands: 1. Port, 2. ARMS, 3. DISMISS.

When the instruction has progressed to include loading, to insure that no cartridge is left in the chamber, the instructor commands: 1. Port, 2. ARMS, 3. OPEN CHAMBER, 4. CLOSE CHAMBER, 5. DISMISS.

After closing the chamber the hammer is brought to the safety notch.

[61.] 13. Being at order arms: 1. Fix, 2. BAYONET.

Execute parade rest, grasp the shank of the bayonet with the right hand; draw the bayonet from the scabbard and fix it on the barrel, glancing at the muzzle; resume the order.

[62.] 14. Being at order arms: 1. Unfix, 2. BAYONET.

Take the position of parade rest, grasp the shank of the bayonet firmly with the right hand, wrest it from the barrel, and, glancing at the scabbard, return it, the blade passing between the left arm and body; regrab the piece with the right hand and resume the order.

[63.] 15. If marching, the bayonet is fixed or unfastened in the most expeditious and convenient manner, and the piece returned to the position in which it was when the order to fix or unfix bayonet was given.

[64.] 16. Being at order arms, bayonet fixed: 1. Charge, 2. BAYONET.

Half face to the right, carrying the right heel six inches to the rear and three inches to the right of the left heel, at the same time raise the piece with the right hand inclining the barrel to the front, grasp it with the left at the balance, back of hand down, thumb clasping piece, elbow against the body, grasp the small of the stock with the right hand, and bring the point of the bayonet to the height of the chin, right hand supporting the stock firmly against the front of right hip, the body inclining slightly forward.

1. Order, 2. ARMS.

Face to the front, at the same time let go the piece with the right hand and lower it to the right side with left hand, regrab it with the right just above the lower hand, back of hand to the right, and lower the piece, bringing the butt about three inches from the ground and hand near the thigh; steady the piece in this position with the left hand above the right, fingers extended and joined, forearm and wrist straight and inclined downward. (Two) Lower the piece gently to the ground with the right hand, drop the left by the side, and take the position of order arms.

[65.] 17. Being at port arms, bayonet fixed: 1. Charge, 2. BAYONET.

Half face to the right, carrying the right heel six inches to the rear and three inches to the right of the left heel, and at the same time bring the piece to the position of charge bayonet.

To resume port arms: 1. Port, 2. ARMS.

Face to the front, and at the same time take the position of port arms.

[66.] 18. Being at right shoulder arms: 1. Charge, 2. BAYONET.

Press the butt down quickly with the right hand and throw the piece diagonally across the body, lock plate to the front, grasp it with the left hand as in port arms, the right hand retaining its grasp of the butt. (Two) Change the right hand to the small of the stock. (Three) Half face to the right, carrying the right heel six inches to the rear and three inches to the right of the left heel, and at the same time bring the piece down to the right side and take the position of charge bayonet.

Being at charge bayonet: 1. Right shoulder, 2. ARMS.

Face to the front and at the same time take the position of port arms. (Two) Change the right hand to the butt, heel between the first and second fingers, thumb and fingers closed on the stock, and place the piece on the right shoulder, barrel up, trigger guard in the hollow of the shoulder, the right elbow against the side, the hand directly in front of the elbow, at the same time slip the left hand, fingers extended and joined, down to the breechblock. (Three) Drop the left hand to the side.

Positions Kneeling and Lying Down.

[67.] 19. The movements of kneeling, lying down, and rising are first taught without arms, they are executed as with arms, except that in the position kneeling the right hand rests on the right thigh, and in moving to and from the lying position the right hand is placed on the ground, in the position lying down the forearms are against each other on the ground, left arm in front.

At the command *kneel, lie down, or rise*, the hammer will be brought to the safety notch if not already there. *This rule is general.*

[68.] 20. Being at order arms: KNEEL.

Each front-rank man half faces to the right, carrying the right foot so that the toe shall be about 10 inches to the rear and 10 inches to the left of the left heel; kneel on right knee, bending the left, left toe slightly inclined to the right, right leg pointing directly to the right; weight of body resting on right heel; place left forearm across left thigh, hand hanging naturally; the piece remains in the position of order arms, right hand grasping it above the balance. *This is the position of order kneeling.*

Each rear-rank man steps off obliquely to the right with the left foot, planting the toe opposite the middle of the interval to his right and in line with the left heel of his front-rank man; at the same time placing the butt of his piece against his left foot, the toe of butt in line with toe of foot; then kneels as prescribed for the front rank.

[69.] 21. Being at the order kneeling: RISE.

Rise and take the position of order arms; the rear-rank men covering their file leaders.

[70.] 22. Being at the order kneeling: LIE DOWN.

Each front-rank man places the right knee against the left heel. (Two) Draw back the left foot and place the knee on the ground; place the left hand well forward on the ground and lie flat on the

belly, thus inclining the body about thirty-five degrees to the right; the piece is lowered at the same time with the right hand, toe resting on the ground, barrel up, muzzle off the ground, left hand at the balance, left elbow on the ground, right hand at the small of the stock, opposite the neck. *This is the position lying down.*

The rear-rank men move back thirty-six inches in the most convenient manner without rising, and lie down as prescribed for the front rank.

[71.] 23. Being in the position lying down: RISE.

Place the left hand on the ground and raise the body on the knees; draw up and place the left foot by the side of the right knee, raise and place the piece in the position of the order kneeling. (Two) Rise and take the position of order arms; the rear-rank men close to facing distance on their file leaders.

[72.] 24. Being at the order standing: LIE DOWN.

Each front-rank man takes the position of order kneeling, except that the right knee is placed against the left heel. (Two) Draw back the left foot and place the knee on the ground; place the left hand well forward on the ground and lie flat on the belly, thus inclining the body about thirty-five degrees to the right; the piece is lowered at the same time with the right hand, toe resting on the ground, barrel up, muzzle off the ground, left hand at the balance, left elbow on the ground, right hand at the small of the stock, opposite the neck.

The rear-rank men step back thirty-six inches and lie down as prescribed for the front rank.

[73.] 25. Being in the position lying down: KNEEL.

Place the left hand on the ground and raise the body on the knees; draw up and place the left foot by the side of the right knee, raise and place the piece in the position of the order kneeling; the rear-rank men take the position of the order kneeling and then move forward thirty-six inches in the most convenient manner without rising.

To Load.

[74.] 26. The recruits are first taught to load and fire without using cartridges; after a few lessons they should use dummy cartridges, and when well instructed, the drill may close with a few rounds of blank cartridges.

[75.] 27. No cartridges will be used, except when indicated by the words *with dummy (blank or ball) cartridges*, preceding the command *Load*. *This rule is general.*

[76.] 28. Being in line, standing at the order: 1. Squad, 2. LOAD.

Each rear-rank man steps off obliquely to the right with the left foot, planting the toe opposite the middle of the interval to his right and in line with the left heel of his front-rank man; the front-rank men half face to the right; both ranks then carry the right heel six inches to the rear and three inches to the right of the left heel, turning the toes of both feet slightly inward, at the same time raise the piece with the right hand, drop it into the left at the balance, muzzle at the height of the chin, left elbow against the body, small of the stock at the waist; place the right thumb on the head of the hammer, forefinger on the trigger, the other fingers against the small of the stock and half cock the piece, lower the muzzle, barrel sloping downward at an angle of about twenty-five degrees, at the same time open chamber; look toward the chamber, remove the cartridge shell if necessary; take a cartridge between the thumb and first two fingers, place it in the box, pressing it home with the thumb; close chamber with the right thumb, cast the eyes to the front, carry the right hand to the small of the stock, and raise the muzzle to the height of the chin. *The last position is the position of load.*

If kneeling, the position of the piece is similar—the left forearm rests on the left thigh, the left hand grasping the piece at the balance, the right hand at the height of the chin.

If lying down, the left hand steadies the piece at the balance, the toe of the butt resting on the ground, the muzzle off the ground. When lying down in double rank the rear-rank men do not load.

The piece being in the position of load, that is with the hammer at the half cock, is brought to the ready by the command: 1. Squad, 2. READY.

At the second command cock the piece with the right thumb and return the hand to the small of the stock.

[77.] 29. Being in any position, pieces loaded: 1. Draw, 2. CARTRIDGE.

Take the position of load, if not already there, open the chamber gently to avoid complete ejection of the cartridge from the chamber, take and return cartridge to box or belt, close chamber, bring hammer to safety notch, and carry the right hand to the small of the stock.

[78.] 30. Pieces loaded, and being in the position of load or at the ready, to order arms: 1. Order, 2. ARMS.

At the command *ARMS*, bring the front-rank man to the safety notch, take the position of order arms, the front-rank men similarly as from charge bayonet; the rear-rank men raise the muzzles of their pieces (to clear the front-rank men), step back and cover their file leaders, at the same time bringing the piece to the position of order arms.

If kneeling, both ranks take the order kneeling.

If sights are raised (Par. 37) they should be laid down at the first command.

Cartridge-boxes, if used, should be closed after executing the order, order kneeling, position lying down, or case firing (Par. 59).

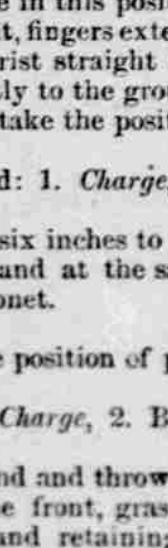
[79.] 31. Being at the ready: AIM.

Raise the piece with both hands and support the butt firmly against the hollow of the right shoulder, right thumb extended, right hand resting against the stock, left elbow against the side, right elbow against the stock, left eye closed, right eye looking through the notch of the rear sight so as to perceive the top of the front sight, second joint of forefinger resting lightly against the front of the trigger, but not pressing it.

Each rear-rank man aims through the interval at the right of his file leader, and inclines slightly forward to advance the muzzle of his piece beyond the front rank. When lying down in double rank, the rear-rank men aim no farther.

[80.] 32. In aiming kneeling, the left elbow rests on the left knee, point of elbow in front of kneecap.

In aiming lying down, raise the piece with both hands and slip it through the left to the trigger guard; rest on both elbows and press the butt firmly against the right shoulder.



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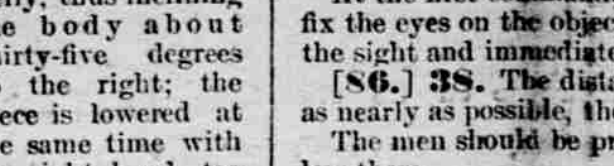
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